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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS.

New Delhi, the 6th August 1949

No. 17 (5). T. B./49.—The Tariff Board was asked to investigate the claim of the expanded metal industry for protection or assistance. The Board, having considered the matter has submitted its report. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) "A total ban on imports or the levy of a protective duty is not recommended. If, however, the expanded metal industry is threatened by foreign competition at any time in future, to the matter can be referred to the Board for summary inquiry and report.
- (2) The indigenous expanded metal compares favourably with the imported product in quality but there is scope for improvement. The industry should, however, seek the assistance of the Indian Standards Institution for evolving a suitable Indian Standard for expanded metal. The industry should approach the National Metallurgical Laboratory, Tatanagar, for conducting research for making expanded metal rustproof.
- (3) The industry should explore the possibilities of export to foreign countries.
- (4) The Iron and Steel Controller should increase the supply of steel sheets of suitable gauges to the industry and also ensure that the supply is regular. Government should assist the industry in obtaining the required supplies of steel from abroad by granting the necessary import licences and should also arrange for the manufacture of the right gauges of steel sheets as required by the industry.
- (5) Government Departments, Central as well as Provincial, should obtain their supplies of expanded metal from indigenous producers. As regards certain specifications which are not manufactured in

India, the industry should first be consulted as to the possibility of their manufacture. If their manufacture is possible, necessary arrangements should be made to supply the steel sheets required.

- (6) The Railway Board should include expanded metal under the classification of general engineering goods for the purposes of priority.
- (7) A separate heading should be opened for expanded metal in the Annual Sea-Borne Trade Accounts.
- (8) The industry should take steps to improve the quality of the indigenous product.
- (9) Government should assist the industry to obtain the requisite quality of steel sheets and plates of suitable gauges. Government should arrange for technical advice for this purpose. The industry itself should consider the question of sending its technical representatives to foreign countries to obtain first-hand information regarding the latest methods of production of expanded metal.
- (10) The three producing firms which are at present private limited concerns should take steps as soon as possible to convert themselves into public limited companies."

2. Government accept generally the Board's recommendations. With regard to recommendation (4) steps will be taken to implement it as far as possible. Recommendation (7) is under examination.

3. The attention of the industry is invited to recommendations (2), (3), (8), (9) and (10).

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ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all Provincial Governments, all Chief Commissioners, Ministry of External Affairs (External Affairs Wing), Ministry of External Affairs (Commonwealth Relations Wing), and the several Ministries of the Government of India, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Cabinet Sectt., the Private and Military Secretaries to His Excellency the Governor-General, the Central Board of Revenue, the Auditor General, the Director General of Employment and Resettlement, the Director General, Industry and Supply, the High Commissioner for India in London, Colombo, Ottawa, Karachi and Canberra, the Indian Ambassadors at Nanking, Moscow, Tehran, Kathmandu, Rangoon, Cairo, Kabul, Ankara, Washington, Prague, and Rio de Janeiro, Commissioner General for Commercial & Economic affairs in Europe, Paris Charge d' Affairs of India in Paris and Brussels, Envoys extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of India, Bangkok and Berne; Consuls General for India in Batavia; Buenosaires, Shanghai, Pondichery, Saigon, Kashgir, New York, and San Francisco; The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Lahore, London and Dacca; The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, Johannesburg; Agents of the Government of India in Kanday and Kuelu Lumpat; Consuls for India at Saigon, Goa, and Jedda; Vice Consuls for India at Medan and Zehedan; The Indian Political Officer, Sikkim; The Representative of the Government of India in Singapur; The Commissioners for the Government of India in Trinidad, Nairobi, Mauritius, and Fiji; Head of the Indian Liaison Mission, Tokyo; Head of the Military Mission, Berlin; Indian Government Trade Commissioners in Toronto, Sydney, Mombassa, Colombo Paris and Karachi; Assistant Indian Government Trade Commissioner, Dacca; Commercial Adviser to the High Commissioner in U.K., London; Commercial Secretaries to the Indian Embassies at Alexandria, Rio De Janeiro,

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